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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, JA, KS  
SUBJECT: RANARD KCIA REVELATIONS AGAIN ON FRONT PAGES

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SUMMARY. FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL RANARD HAS REPORTEDLY TOLD JCP DIETMAN AND JAPANESE REPORTERS THAT POLITICIANS HERE RECEIVED KCIA PAYOFFS. PRIMIN SAID HE CERTAIN STORY NOT TRUE, AND STAGE IS SET FOR ANOTHER INCONCLUSIVE ACCUSATION-DENIAL ROUND WHEN DIET RECONVENES NEXT MONTH. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIMIN FUKUDA TOLD PRESS MORNING OF JANUARY 20 THAT HE WAS CERTAIN FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT KOREA COUNTRY DIRECTOR DONALD RANARD'S CHARGE THAT KCIA HAD GIVEN MONEY TO JAPANESE POLITICIANS WAS NOT TRUE. FUKUDA WAS REACTING TO FRONT-PAGE REPORTS OF RANARD'S REPORTED STATEMENTS TO JCP DIETMAN ATSUSHI HASHIMOTO, NOW IN US ON INDIVIDUAL KCIA PROBE (REFTEL), AND TO KYODO PRESS AND YOMIURI.

2. HASHIMOTO WAS REPORTED IN JANUARY 19 DAILIES AS SAYING AT WASHINGTON PRESS CONFERENCE THAT RANARD TOLD HIM IN CONFIDENTIAL

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TELECON KCIA HAD GIVEN CASH TO FRIENDLY POLITICIANS IN BOTH LDP AND OPPOSITION. HASHIMOTO SAID ALSO THAT RANARD DID NOT RULE OUT PAYOFF TO FORMER PRIMIN TANAKA IN CONNECTION WITH SETTLEMENT OF KIM DAE JUNG KIDNAPPING CASE, THAT US INTELLIGENCE AND JAPANESE POLICE KNEW KIDNAPPING TO BE WORK OF KCIA, AND THAT THEN-VICE FONMIN HOGEN

AND FORMER EA DAS SNEIDER DISCUSSED MANAGEMENT OF INCIDENT SHORTLY AFTER IT OCCURRED. JANUARY 20 YOMIURI REPORTED THAT ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WAS TOLD BY RANARD THAT JAPANESE RECIPIENTS OF KCIA PAYOFFS IN 1970-74 (WHILE RANARD HANDLED ROK AFFAIRS) WERE PRO-ROK LDP POLITICIANS (HE WAS NOT CERTAIN ABOUT OPPOSITION) AND THAT HIS INFORMATION CAME FROM "US INTELLIGENCE ORGANS IN JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA AND THE US EMBASSY IN JAPAN."

3. COMMENT. NEW RANARD STATEMENTS WILL PROVIDE FUEL FOR NEW ROUND OF VIGOROUS INTERPELLATIONS BY OPPOSITION DIETMEN WHEN DIET RECONVENES AT MONTH-END. UNLESS SOME CONCRETE EVIDENCE IS PRODUCED, HOWEVER, EMBASSY ANTICIPATES LITTLE IMPACT ON CYNICAL PUBLIC OR ON STATE OF JAPAN-ROK RELATIONS.  
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